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FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL WRAPS UP LABOR DAY ENFORCEMENT

~ FHP assists thousands of motorists during holiday weekend ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Col. John Czernis, Director of the Florida Highway Patrol, today announced the preliminary results from the Labor Day holiday heightened enforcement effort, *Operation C.A.R.E.* (Combined Accident Reduction Effort). During the four-day enforcement period on Sept. 3-6, the Patrol beefed up its force, enlisting the support of reservists and auxiliary troopers to protect holiday weekend travelers on Florida's busy roadways.

"The Florida Highway Patrol puts additional troopers on the roadways when we know more people will be traveling," said Czernis. "The additional troopers on patrol enhances our ability to deter motorists from unsafe driving and better positions us to catch more of those who disregard the law, putting everyone they share the road with in danger."

FHP Operation C.A.R.E. Results Sept. 3 -6, 2010

Total Citations = 13,995
DUI Arrests = 80
Speeding Citations = 5,741
Safety Belt Citations = 1,509
Motorist Assists = 3,134
Fatalities = 17

Operation C.A.R.E. – Sept. 3 - 6

The Florida Highway Patrol provided assistance to more than 3,000 motorists on Florida's roadways during the holiday weekend. Troopers made 80 arrests for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol or drugs and cited more than 5,000 drivers for speeding and more than 1,500 for failure to buckle up, with more than 14,000 citations issued overall. The Patrol also reported 17 traffic fatalities. Of the 1,304 crashes that FHP worked, 78 involved alcohol.

Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. – Aug. 20 – Sept. 6

In addition to FHP's heightened enforcement surrounding Labor Day, the Patrol also participated in *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.* The nationwide enforcement campaign commenced Aug. 20 and continued through Labor Day. During the 18-day period, Florida troopers made 431 DUI arrests.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov.

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